[English]

Hot Rolling Mill in Durgapur Steel Plant

2273. DR. SUDHIR RAY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a Hot Rolling Mill in Durgapur Steel Plant; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEB): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Teesta Barrage Project in West Bengal

2274. DR. SUDHIR RAY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated cost of the Teesta Barrage Project;

(b) the expenditure incurred on the Project and the amount of Central assistance provided for this purpose so far; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) As per revised project report of September 1990, the latest estimated cost of the First Sub-Stage of Stage I of the Teesta Barrage Project is Rs. 695 crores.

(b) An expenditure of Rs. 334.63 crores has been incurred on the project upto March, 1991. A special Central Assistance of Rs. 5 crores was given for the project during 1983-84 and an advance plan assistance of Rs. 15 crores during 1986-87 and Rs. 10 crores during 1987-88 was provided for this project.

(c) The project is scheduled to spill over to IX plan.

LTTE activities in Tamil Nadu

2275. DR. SUDHIR RAY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether LTTE elements are still active in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to contain them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) Activities of LTTE in Tamil Nadu are continuing to cause concern.

(b) The Government of Tamil Nadu have informed that sustained action is being taken to eradicate militant LTTE activities and to check their infiltration into India. This includes setting up of check posts and intensification of patrolling on shore and off shore. The Central Government is providing all possible assistance to the State Government in this regard.

South India Water Grid

2276. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE:
SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:
SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to form a South India Water Grid comprising all major rivers to make maximum use of the available water:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Southern States have been consulted in this regard; and

(d) if so, the reaction of those State Governments thereto?